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- 1. Manuel JIMENEZ Fernandez, liberal Catholic of Seville, and not the journalist Fernando MARTIN SANCHEZ Julia, is the proponent of a Christian Democratic movement in Spain, source learned from a new conversation with Luis VILALLONGA in late May 1950.* VILALLONGA added that he considered HARTIN SANCHEZ indecisive and politically unsound.
- 2. JIMENEZ Fernandez, according to VILALLONGA, is preparing for positive action in the Spanish political scene, having gone so far as to begin the selection of ministers for a provisional government. VILALLONGA said that he was introduced to the "future Minister of War," whose name he did not reveal.
- 3. The Seville liberal reportedly differs with Indalecio PRIETO and Basque President Jose Antonio AGUIRE regarding punishment of supporters of the FRANCO regime, feeling that unless severe penalties, including some death sentences, are meted out to FRANCO followers, it will be impossible for the provisional government to keep the masses from taking matters into their own hands. ** JIMENEZ Fernandez reportedly expressed the opinion that PRISTO and AGUIRME fear that Anglo-Saxon circles would interpret their advocacy of heavy sentences as a desire for revenge.
- 4. VILALLONGA said that he had been struck with the apparent political stature of Jose Maria GIL ROBLES in Catholic circles. He specifically mentioned as a Gilroblista, Francisco de LUIS Diaz of the Asociacion Catolica Nacional de Propagandistas. While praising de LUIS for having insisted on the publication of the Pope's message to the Congress of Catholic Journalists, VILALLONGA was sharply critical of the journalist's unwillingness to take an outright anti-FRANCO stand.

*See 25X1A2g

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Comment. This report clarifies the somewhat ambiguous statement as to JIMENEZ' position reported by another source in paragraph 4 of 25X1A2q

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